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# Attention FDA

It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

If FDA mandates that you have a test done then they should have some kind of program. I feel that people that are losing their hearing know it and really don't need a doctor to tell them in every case.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ... I took a hearing test in '93 and took off work (about a 1/2 day) and sat through a test for a couple of hours and when it was done the doctor told me what I already knew, that I couldn't hear high sounds! Then he charged me an office visit.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment? NO

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose? YES, The company I use has a liberal return policy that if it doesn't sound right or is not picking up the sounds you want they will take those back and send you ones with different frequency. they can tell what you need by a

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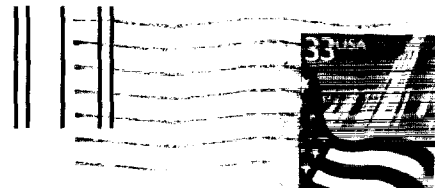
Interview over the phone, They know what they are selling.  
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When a doctor gives you a hearing test he has to go by what you the patient tells him, If you can hear certain sounds or not hear them. Same thing when you tell the person selling the aids, and that person knows what you need the same as the doctor. I know that people get permanent nerve damage and hearing aids won't help, that was explained to me from the ~~begin~~ beginning and if the hearing aids don't work (because of nerve damage) then its possible to send them back for full refund. Also in my case I had the wrong frequency and returned for different circuit. Works much better, this was handled over the phone with no doctor!

If FDA Forces us to go to a doctor then we have to pay or insurance companys should have to pay then insurance rates go up and we have to pay more for premiums. Either way the cost would force some people not to seek help in their hearing loss and that is a tragedy because I was one that was helped by hearing aids. Jeff Jackson 3/14/2000

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